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'whitish yellow' (*albicerus*) to the farmers, the artisans, the modistes, etc., until time has removed their technical stigma. Our disciples of *vers libres* are not so modest.

In conclusion, I would repeat that this paper barely touches one corner of a very large field in which there is ample room for many workers, and I hope that some at least among my readers may feel inclined to help solve its problems. If there are such prospective workers, I shall be glad to offer them any suggestions within my power.

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PLUTO AND THE TRIDENT

In reference to the point raised by Professor Dunn in THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY 12.125, as to the possible classical origin of the pitch-fork as an attribute of Pluto or his attendant spirits, I wonder if anyone has called his attention to Seneca, *Hercules Furens* 563, where the God of Death in a former contest with Hercules is described as *telum tergemina cuspide praeferens*. On this, Professor Kingery writes: "The trident properly belonged to Neptune (*triplice cuspide*, Ovid, M. 12.594)". *Cuspis* is applied to Neptune's trident in Claudianus, *De Raptu Proserpinae* 2.181 (see the *Thesaurus*).

When Professor Dunn ascribes the development of the pitch-fork idea wholly to "works of art", I do not know whether he means ancient or modern. The attendant spirits of the Lord of the Dead seem to have carried implements of that and similar nature, according to Etruscan art, if one may judge from the illustration in Daremberg and Saglio, s.v. *Inferi*, 4054.

What I have said is not new, but it is in the spirit of research.

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THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of New England was held at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., on March 28-29. Wheaton College, for girls, is finely situated in rolling country, some thirty miles south of Boston, between Taunton and Mansfield. Wheaton College proved a most gracious host, providing, without charge, sleeping accommodations in the College dormitories for all in attendance upon the meeting, and inviting all to be its guests at luncheon and dinner on Friday, and at breakfast and luncheon on Saturday. The meeting was a distinct success in every way. The attendance was good; the papers were interesting and well presented; abundant opportunity for personal meetings and conferences, quite apart from the official sessions, was afforded; and the weather, though *varium et mutabile* with a vengeance, was after all not as desperately trying as was the weather further south, e.g. in New York City.

The programme was as follows: Welcome, by President Samuel V. Cole, Wheaton College, with response

by Professor George E. Howes, President of the Association; An English Verse Translation of Certain Scenes in the *Miles Gloriosus* of Plautus, by Dean Irene Nye, Connecticut College for Women; Antaeus, Mr. Horace M. Poynter, Phillips Academy, Andover (a discussion of the proper relations of School and College, in the determination of the contents and scope of the School course, the nature of examinations, etc.); Greetings from The Classical Association of the Atlantic States, Professor Charles Knapp; The One and the Many, Dr. Josiah Bridge, Westminster School (a plea to the effect that, in a democratic system of education, the opportunity to study Greek should be open to every pupil); The Second Phase of the Battle of Cunaxa, Professor Joseph W. Hewitt, Wesleyan University; The Fate of Achilles in the *Iliad* and the Fate of Odysseus in the *Odyssey*: a Unitarian Argument, Professor Samuel E. Bassett, University of Vermont; Greek Life in Egypt (illustrated), Mr. Alfred M. Dame, Malden High School; Organ Recital in the College Chapel, Professor H. C. Tucker, Wheaton College; Reception at the President's house, by President and Mrs. Cole; Children in Roman Life and Literature (illustrated), Professor Adeline Belle Hawes, Wellesley College; Latin Examinations as Tests of Intelligence, Professor Nelson Glenn McCrea, Columbia University; Recognition Scenes Old and New: An Enduring Fashion in Thrills, Professor Mary Gilmore Williams, Mt. Holyoke College; The Proposed American Classical League, Dean Andrew F. West, Princeton University; An Experiment in Teaching Latin for the Sake of English, Miss Mary C. Robinson, Bangor High School; An Ancient Contemporary, or the Modern Element in the Poems of Vergil, President Samuel V. Cole, Wheaton College.

Mention may be made again of the fact that The Classical Association of New England publishes annually a Bulletin, giving information concerning the Association, and presenting abstracts of papers at its Annual Meeting. Copies of this pamphlet can be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

Mr. Charles S. Knox, of Phillips Exeter Academy, was elected President, and Professor George E. Howes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association from its beginning until a year ago, was reelected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association voted unanimously to approve the formation of the Proposed American Classical League, provided that the Constitution of the League, if and when formed, shall definitely provide representation upon the Governing Board of the League of the four great regional Associations, said representatives to be chosen in each case by the regional Association itself. The Association also, by unanimous vote, recommended that the Constitution of the Proposed Classical League, if and when formed, should provide that the Governing Body of the League should not exceed twelve in number. Finally, the Association, by unanimous vote, authorized the incoming Executive Committee to appoint, at the proper time, a delegate to represent the Association at the next meeting of the National Education Association, to be held in Milwaukee, in July next, said delegate to represent the Association also at the Classical Conference to be held in connection with this meeting of the National Education Association, and to be, finally, the representative of The Classical Association of New England on the Governing Board of the American Classical League, if the Constitution of said League shall provide for such representation.

The report of Professor M. N. Wetmore, Secretary-Treasurer for 1918, showed that the Association enjoyed a prosperous year, that it made a net gain in membership and in available funds.

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